Primary School for Kadiranpalyam.

Q.—395. Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN (Ulsoor).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that some time back, they have promised a primary school at Kadiranpalyam in Ulsoor Constituency ?

(*b*) what is the action taken by them in the matter ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This place has been proposed to be included in the Programme for opening fresh primary Schools during 1955 56.

High School for Srirampuram.

Q.—477. Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the opening of high school at Srirampuram is under their contemplation since a large number of boy and girl students of Srirampuram, Kodandarampuram, Ramachandrapuram and other extensions of Malleswaram area have to go over long distances to other schools for high school education ;

(*b*) if so, when they will open a high school there ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the reply furnished to (*a*).

Primary School Teachers.

Q.—484. Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of primary school teachers;

(*b*) whether they are contemplating to increase their salaries as in other States ;

(*c*) their present grades ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) 24,369.

(*b*) Not on a Statewise scale.

(*c*) Rs. 25-1-30-1-45 for untrained teachers, Rs. 30-1½-45-2-55 for trained teachers, 40-2-50-3-80 for teachers employed under the Scheme for educated unemployed.

Incorrect reporting by a Daily of the Proceedings.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—May I say something before you give your ruling ? I have to bring one or two facts to your notice regarding the objections raised by the Home Minister.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no motion as such.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I just wanted to say that it is not merely the Treasury Benches that are put into ridicule but the Opposition Leader is also involved. But I enjoyed the joke. It is observed in that paper that I have said : ' to gap the bridge '. *It did not* upset me and I enjoyed the joke. I think we must all develop a sense of humour so far as these observations are concerned. I think it is desirable that the President is not involved in these things. I wanted to say that jokes are cut in respect of Opposition also.

Mr. SPEAKER.—On the 10th instant the Hon'ble Home Minister brought to the notice of the Chair a case of an incorrect report of the proceedings of this House in the local daily "The Deccan Herald". He observed that the misrepresentation was deliberate and was intended to ridicule a member of the House, by trying to show up alleged ignorance of the matter.

I have yesterday received a letter from the Editor of the *Deccan Herald* relating to this matter. This letter expresses regret on behalf of the paper.

(MR. SPEAKER.)

I give the following extracts from the letter.

"I hasten to assure you, Sir, and the House that there was no design to ridicule the Honourable Home Minister, let alone the Treasury Bench, in the casual comments on proceedings as watched from the gallery—a feature familiar in parliamentary press-reporting meant to spice up the common reader's interest in the actual record.

I fear that in the fast exchange of words on the subject this difference was blurred and I for my part assure you that the *Deccan Herald* never meant to attribute, by quotation or otherwise, any ignorance to the Honourable Home Minister who has taken umbrage. Nevertheless, for any hurt caused, I apologise.

When debates are heard from the Gallery, there is temptation to make the report graphic with observations on the delivery speed, mannerisms, gestures or voice of members on both sides of the House; but in the present case, I feel that some of them were unnecessarily captious. There was nevertheless no intention to bring anyone into 'ridicule'. Here also for any lapse in good taste or for any affront in this connection I express regret on behalf of the paper.

As for the Galleryman of the *Deccan Herald* posing as a 'Professor of English' issuing corrections, please be assured, Sir, (and through you the House) that no such mentorship was assumed and I should be obliged if you accept my word that for any offence caused in this connection too, I am sorry."

In view of the apology and the expression of regret to the Hon'ble Home Minister and to the House, no further action is called for and the matter may be allowed to rest.

Business of the House

SRI J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Regarding the programme I want to submit a slight deviation. The recess is provided from 25th to 28th of March. I would suggest that we advance this by one day and the recess may be between 24th to 27th March. We may have a morning session on 23rd. That will enable the Members to be in their homes just in time. It does not affect the programme of the House. We can work on Monday, the 28th March and we can have leave on 24th.

SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House).—The usual practice is for most of the people, not only 25th is Ugadi Day, but the next day is also a kind of holiday.

SRI J. MOHAMED IMAM.—My suggestion, is instead of having a holiday on 28th, we shall have it on 24th.

SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have no objection.

MR. SPEAKER.—Then the suggestion is agreed. According to the present programme, 28th is taken as a holiday. But instead of 28th, 24th will be taken as holiday. It won't upset the programme.

SRI J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I have another submission to the Chair. I would like to have an indication of the further programme of the session. As it is, the work is allotted only till 4th April. We have very heavy work. We have to discuss the Report on the Public Service Commission, the Report on Race Course Committee and we have a number of very important Bills and also new Bills have to be introduced. Can we have an indication from the Leader of the House as to how long we are expected to work and how many days we have to stay here, so that we may adjust our programme?

SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—As I have already said, this is a matter for discussion and settlement.

MR. SPEAKER.—We shall meet and settle the matter.